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May 11, 2001

Mr. John J. O'Grady
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Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order
Docket No. V-W-00-6-413
Monthly Written Report for April 2001

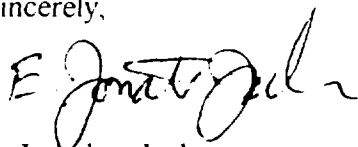
Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during April 2001. The only significant development that occurred during April was the measurement of water levels in monitoring wells that was conducted on April 9, 2001 (these results were provided to U.S. EPA on the same day).

No analytical data was received during the month of April 2001 and no problems of importance were encountered. Based on the U.S. EPA comments provided to Fansteel Inc. on the final Site Investigation Report (provided by email on May 1, 2001) and on the North Chicago EE/CA Work Plan (provided by fax on May 8, 2001), the additional field work to support the preparation of the draft EE/CA Report should commence on May 29th. In accordance with paragraph V.3.2 of the Administrative Order, we will notify U.S. EPA not less than 3 business days in advance of any sample collection activity.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



E. Jonathan Jackson

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